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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the aboveidentified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Amendment In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Date: April 28, 2003

Respectfully,

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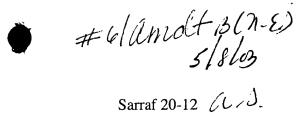
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25 SIR:

> In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated February 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A version of the amendments that have been marked to show all changes is included as an Appendix.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

(Amended) A method for estimating the frequency offset in an OFDM 1. 35 communication system, comprising the steps of:

allocating certain locations in an OFDM frame to a signature sequence;

transmitting said signature sequence with data to a receiver, wherein said data and said signature sequence are encoded using a differential encoding performed in frequency; and